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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MIR ET AL.

Examiner

John Teresinski

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/26/2004.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14-19 and 21- 25 is/are rejected.  
7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5,11,13,20 and 22 is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/26/2004.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14-19 and 21- 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,361,210 Fu in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,726,545 to Iwashita et al..

Regarding claims 1, 9 and 18, Fu discloses detecting a rotational position of an electric machine with a position encoder coupled to the electric machine (column 3 lines 31-34), controlling an inverter comprising a plurality of switching devices (column 4 lines 26-28), the inverter (10) having an input coupled to a direct current bus, and an output coupled to a polyphase bus, the inverter responsive to commands from a controller coupled to the inverter and the position encoder (Fig. 1, element 1) and measuring a current from the direct current bus (column 4 lines 39-54). Fu does not disclose capturing the current at a predefined interval of time. Iwashita et al. disclose a current control method for a motor including detecting a rotational position of an electric machine with a position encoder(25) coupled to the electric machine (column 7 lines 12-23, Fig. 8), an inverter(23) and capturing the current at a predefined interval of time (column 5 lines 35-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include capturing the current at a predefined

interval of time as taught by Iwashita et al. into  $F_u$  for the purpose of correcting current measurements to provide accurate control of an electric machine such as a motor.

Regarding claims 2, 10 and 19,  $F_u$  disclose determining a set of values representative of a magnitude of currents on each phase of the polyphase buss (column 4 lines 39-54).

Regarding claims 4, 12 and 21,  $F_u$  discloses determining a value representative of a torque current from the current (column 2 lines 65-69).

Regarding claims 6,7,14,15,23 and 24,  $F_u$  discloses an encoder for position sensing (column 3 lines 31-34) and a permanent magnet motor/DC brushless motor/direct drive motor (column 3 lines 10-14).

Regarding claims 8, 17 and 25,  $F_u$  disclose capturing is characterized by sampling a signal value representative of the current (column 4 lines 39-41).

Regarding claim 16,  $F_u$  discloses the inverter comprised of switching devices coupled to and responsive to the controller (column 4 lines 26-28).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 20 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 20 and 22:

The primary reason for the allowance of claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 20 and 22 is the inclusion of a predefined combination of the switching devices are active and an angle between a phase

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voltage and a corresponding phase current on each phase of the polyphase bus being within a range of about minus thirty to about thirty degrees. It is these features found in the claim, as they are claimed in the combination that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes this claim allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Teresinski whose telephone number is (571) 272-2235. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, N. Le can be reached on (571) 272-2233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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